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Michael A. Ibrahim, M.D., Ph.D.  
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Dear Michel:

I very much appreciate your letter of March 1st. It also provides the stimulus for me to send a letter that I have been meaning to write since the Conference.

The successful planning and execution of the 1991 Minority Health Conference were the product of the dedicated, harmonious, and largely voluntary labors of a large group of people from various organizations and constituencies in the School plus generous contributions and support from many co-sponsoring organizations as well as your office.

Numerous students (especially Jay McCloud, Lisa Friend, Laurie Evans of the Minority Student Caucus, and also Kevin McCowan and Sue Minns) put in long hours with the Planning Committee, forcing them to stretch to keep up with both the Conference and their courses, and helped to assemble packets, usher, and assist with registration. Sandy Headen (HBHE faculty) was a major participant throughout the planning stage, and selected and secured the participation of our speaker from Harvard.

This Conference has given me the deepest involvement with the Office of Continuing Education since my wife resigned to raise our children. I have been thoroughly impressed with their judgment, supportiveness, effectiveness, and efficiency. The dedication of the staff who worked with the Conference most closely (Pam Horne, John Sharo, Diana Trybulski) went far beyond what a paying customer should expect - and we weren't even a paying customer! The CE staff donated time at night and on weekends, and went extra miles many times.

Another organization that distinguished itself in assisting the Conference was the Learning Resources Center. You may have heard that as the day for the Conference drew near we realized that we would probably have more registrants than the Auditorium could seat. Faced with the dilemma of having to begin to discourage registrations and perhaps even turn away persons coming without preregistering, we asked Ed Finerty if anything could be done. On very short notice, Ed, Ken, and Bobby figured out a way to wire up room 228 with video and two-way audio so we could have an overflow room and take questions from it. As registrations continued to mount, LRC went even further and wired the student lounge to receive audio and video from the Auditorium. As it turned out we used both of the overflow rooms and were able to take

questions from room 228 via the two-way audio. LRC staff manned the TV camera and sound system in the auditorium, ensuring the success of the Conference despite the overflow crowd.

Finally, I want to express my great appreciation for and admiration of Bill Small's diverse and masterful contributions. His advice, experience, judgment, and commitment - as well as large amounts of his time and energy - were indispensable to the Conference's success. The Dean's Office could not have been represented more effectively, diplomatically, and graciously.

I hope that our success this year will inspire Minority Health Conferences for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vic Schoenbach", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Associate Professor

cc. Planning Committee  
William Browder  
Edmund Finerty